

The Connection

Keeping Glendale Residents Connected

December 2013

December Holiday Weekends

On Friday and Saturday evenings, December 6 – 21, downtown Glendale will be aglow with 1.5 million sparkling holiday lights, and Murphy Park will be filled with entertainment, arts and crafts and delicious food. Each weekend has a special theme with fun for all ages. Events take place 6 - 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. INFO: glendaleaz.com/events or 623-930-2299



December 6 & 7



December 13 & 14



December 20 & 21

Although Santa has returned to the North Pole and our pre-Christmas holiday lighting events ended, the 1.5 million downtown holiday lights will remain on every night from 5 – 10 p.m. through January 12. Our next event will be the Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party on January 11.

Downtown Holiday Light Display Runs December 22 - January 11

Glendale's City Manager Reminds You to Shop Local



Brenda S. Fischer, ICMA-CM

This holiday season, I encourage residents to spend their money in Glendale to help fuel our economic engine with sales tax dollars. Whether it's a mom and pop shop or a well-known retail store, the city's portion of sales tax helps pay for roads, parks and recreation and library amenities and also supports police officers and firefighters. When you shop outside of Glendale, your sales tax dollars helps improve those communities and not the one we all live in. Plus, shopping in Glendale helps support local businesses and keeps their doors open.

Here's another reason to shop local: discounts. Go to visitglendale.com and click on "Shop Glendale" for a free, printable discount card good at dozens of Glendale stores and restaurants. Happy shopping and happy holidays!

Holiday Carriage Rides

Horse & carriage rides in historic downtown Glendale will run most evenings, November 29 through January 4, from 6 - 9 p.m. (depending on weather and demand). The carriage ride line forms in front of the Civic Center at 57th & Glenn Drive during Glendale Glitters Spectacular weekend (November 29 and 30) and at 58th Avenue & Glenn during non event nights. Rides cost \$25 per carriage (up to 6 people) and take you through 6 blocks of historic downtown Glendale. INFO: glendaleaz.com/events or 623-930-2299

Glendale Civic Pride Keepsake Ornament

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors have produced the 15th in a series of collectible ornaments that features another Glendale Point of Pride. The 2013 keepsake showcases Cerreta Candy Company. Cerreta's has been a strong community supporter and partnered with the City of Glendale to create the Chocolate Affaire, an annual festival that has brought chocolate lovers, chocolate makers and chocolate sellers from all over the country to Murphy Park every February for 18 years. The ornament is beautifully packaged for gift-giving and can be purchased for \$16 each at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140). INFO: 623-930-4500 or visitglendale.com

Glendale Has Great Gift Giving Ideas

Looking for a different or unique gift to give for the holidays? Classes and recreation center passes make great gifts for everyone. Your child or grandchild would love to get a hip hop dance or karate class. A Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Pass allows your best friend to swim laps, use the fitness center and attend a variety of fitness classes. You can gift your spouse with classes you can take together, such as ballroom dancing and painting classes. The hard-to-buy-for teen on your list might love receiving a cake decorating, guitar or even an acting class. With one stop at glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation, you can complete all your holiday shopping! Call 623-930-2820 for more information. For other unique gift giving ideas, visit glendaleaz.com/glendalegifts.

Notice

Glendale's administrative offices will be closed Dec. 23-27, 2013.

Police & Fire services, sanitation, water and Dial-a-Ride will remain at normal service levels.

For more information, visit glendaleaz.com.



A Message from Councilmember Norma Alvarez

The Joy of Giving

This time of year is spent gearing up for the holidays, with promises of good company, fabulous meals and exchanging gifts. But another important part of the holiday season is charitable giving and the positive experiences that come with it.

There are many ways to give – Hope for Hunger and St. Mary's Food Banks are always looking for donations and volunteers. Consider participating in a local toy or clothing drive; help a neighbor who may be having hard times; or invite an elderly friend or family member to go shopping and help them with their gifts. The Glendale CVB is collecting items for "Stockings for Soldiers" with Military Family Support Group and the Glendale Family Advocacy Center is always looking for donations of toys and clothing.

Each year the Glendale Community Action Program hosts an Annual Holiday Party for low-income children. The event is made possible through donations from businesses and individuals and the need continues to increase. Donations of backpacks, school supplies and toys will be given to 150 Glendale children at the party. The CAP office will also connect those interested in adopting a family with a Glendale family in need. If you cannot give a donation, give your time. Many enjoy volunteering as a family to teach their children the joy of giving.

Please consider finding a cause worthy of your support this holiday season. Established, experienced organizations will appreciate any donation of time or treasure that you can afford to give.

Hope for Hunger Food Bank – (602) 773-4344

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – (602) 242-FOOD (3663)

Glendale CVB – (623) 930-4500 • Glendale Advocacy Center - (623) 930-3720

CAP Office – (623) 930-2460.

Apart Three Feet, In the Street

The city of Glendale has recently updated its ordinance on the placement of sanitation and recycling containers. Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, all residential containers (refuse and recycling) will be required to be placed in the street at the curb.

There are a few exceptions to this new requirement, which include:

- If your residence is located on an arterial street (a main thoroughfare) you will not place your containers in the street due to vehicle traffic. Place containers on the sidewalk, close to the curb (please allow pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk with no obstructions).
- If you live in an area with alleys behind your home, you will continue to take your trash to the sanitation container in the alley, and now you will place your recycling container in the street in front of your home.
- A property with no access to the street and no sidewalk will place their containers at the edge of the driveway closest to the street.
- A property with a detached sidewalk (open area between sidewalk and curb) in front of the home will place the container in the street at the curb.

The safety of its residents is the city's number one priority. This modification will provide unrestricted access to the city sidewalks for all pedestrians in the community, reducing the need for pedestrians to navigate around sanitation containers and onto private property or city streets.

The city would like to remind residents that containers should be continued to be placed three feet apart on collection days, as well. For additional information, questions or concerns, visit glendaleaz.com/sanitation or call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.

Santa's Workshop December 14

Holiday shopping with the kids just got easier. Join us at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center on Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. – Noon. Kids of all ages can purchase holiday presents for their friends, family and even pets at this fun event. All items are priced \$1 and Santa's elves will be on-site to wrap purchases. Get a picture with Santa for an additional fee. INFO: 623-930-4610

Holiday Tree Drop-off Begins December 26

The Sanitation Department has established several sites throughout the city where residents can drop off trees for recycling from December 26 through January 12. Be sure to remove all decorations, tree stands, metal stakes and nails. Bring a single, unbagged tree to one of the designated sites, listed online at glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

For a complete listing of city events, activities and meetings, visit glendaleaz.com/calendar.

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